

### REMARKS

Claims 40 and 79 and claims dependent thereon are presented for reconsideration. By this Amendment, Applicant has made minor changes to independent claims 40 and 79 to clarify the subject matter of the claims.

Applicant notes that the claims as presented prior to the final rejection included an important combination of features. Specifically, these features involve:

1) Fixing the wire conductor on the surface of a substrate relative to a terminal area of a chip or relative to the region of the substrate which is to accept or accommodate the terminal area. This takes place in a first step.

2) Subsequently, the connection of the wire conductor to the terminal area is effected, in a second or subsequent step. The connection of the wire conductor is carried out while the wire conductor is fixed on the coil substrate, namely after the fixing step such that it extends in parallel to the surface plane of the windings of the wire coil.

It is Applicant's position that these two issues have been presented in each of claims 40 and 79. These features provide a significant difference between Applicant's invention and the prior art as a whole.

Applicant's revisions to the claims more clearly highlight the issues which have already been presented. Nevertheless, it is Applicant's position that by making the further changes to the claims, the application is in better form. It is Applicant's position that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

Applicant also wishes to note that Applicant wishes to rely on the claim to priority

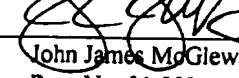
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relating to German application 196 04 840.0 of February 12, 1996. This is prior to the earliest publication date of the Mundigl document, namely WO 96/07984 of March 14, 1996 mentioned in the Related Application section of U.S. 5,809,633. Accordingly, it is Applicant's position that the Mundigl references are not prior art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the outstanding rejection in view of the clarified claims and in view of the fact that Applicant's invention is deserving of an earlier filing date. This is indicated in the attached verified English translation of Priority Document 196 04 840.0 which Applicant is now forwarding to the U.S. Patent Office. Specifically, Figures 4-7 and claim 7 of the priority application are of particular interest with regard to providing the basis for the subject matter of claims 40 and 79.

Applicant further notes that it is Applicant's position that it would not have been obvious to provide the specific order of steps as claimed. The person of ordinary skill in the art is not provided with the suggestion or incentive to provide the steps as specified in the claims. Accordingly, the claims define subject matter which should be considered patentable as compared to the prior art.

As Applicant has established that the cited WO 96/07984 reference is not prior art to the present application, and as Applicant now presents claims which patentably define over the prior art as a whole, Applicant request that the Examiner favorable reconsider the rejection with regard to claims 40, 79 and claims dependent thereon.

Respectfully submitted  
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